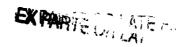
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Sincerely,

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The people of America need to hear news and political discussion from more than one point of view.

Please continue the broadcast ownership protections that protect our freedoms.

Bigger news conglomerates are not good for the country.

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#### Commissioner Copps:

I am writing to remind the members of the Federal Communications Commission that you are responsible for ensuring that the media "serve the public interest." I am concerned that if the FCC continues to relax regulations on media ownership, the victor will be big business--and the casualties will be the people of the U.S.

The free flow of information, the benefits of local competition and the power of a diverse marketplace will virtually disappear.

I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review the remaining regulations. These regulations must be kept in place, and strengthened, not weakened. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Powell;

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I am very concerned about the FCC ruling to be decided on June 2nd. Allowing media corporations to own a newspaper and/or TV and radio station in a given market area would diminish the variety of information and viewpoints available. It's bad enough now that I have difficulty in getting wider perspectives on a given issue or additional information from investigative reporters because they have been cut back due to profit margin concerns by corporations.

Can't we have more, not less, diversity in the news reporting in a given area? Consolidating ownership would not achieve this.

Yours truly,

Mary Rossborough

206 Cerrito Ave Redwood City, Ca 94061 May 14, 2003

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To: Confirmed Kathleen Abernathy c/o Federal Communication Commission MAY 2 2 2003 445 12th Street S.W. Washington D.C. Distribution Country 20554

Reference: The commissions decision to allow media monopolies.

Dear Ms. Abernathy

Both my wife and I wish to express our concern regarding your decision to finalize the relaxation of rules allowing corporations to monopolize television, radio and news print.

We, the public, require more public discussion on such an important decision.

We are asking that you delay the commissions decision on this matter, as well as, conduct more public meetings utilizing all the media outlets which will be affected.

Thank You.

Sonia Kloetzly

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Dear Sir:

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Monopoly of media ownership is "a disaster looking for a place to happen."

It would not be in the public interest if only one company refined and distributed gasoline. Remember Standard Oil...it was broken up because of this.

Imagine the public's predicament if only one company manufactured and sold cars.

The media is already accused of bias. We cannot even predict the catastrophe that would accompany media monopoly. All Americans would face a major crisis if only one or two corporations controlled the distribution and content of the "news."

Please maintain the current restrictions on the number of newspapers, radio stations, and television stations that one corporation can own in any one market.

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Dear Chairman Powell and fellow commissioners,

I urge you to reject the proposed rule changes, relaxing restrictions on media ownership, which you are scheduled to consider on June 2.

If anything, restrictions on media ownership should be tightened in order to reverse the growing monopolization of media outlets, which threatens both consumer choice and the free exchange of information, analysis, and views vital to a democratic society.

The relaxation of radio station ownership rules by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has already led to domination of many local markets by Clear Channel, which has grown from 40 to 1,225 stations. Further rule relaxation would open other media to monopolization.

Free markets only function if information flows freely and monopolies are prevented. Because of the vital role the media play in a democratic society, preventing media consolidation is of particular importance.

Broadcast frequencies are owned by the public and licensed to their users. It is the duty of Congress and the FCC to see that licensing rules and practices preserve a free media marketplace.

Sincerely,

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